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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY IN INDIA

1. DURING MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FAA SECURITY MEETING AND INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN FAA SECURITY COURSE (SEFTELS), DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY T.V. RAJESWAR TOLD EMBOFF THAT IATA SECURITY TEAM HAD VISITED INDIA'S FOUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN APRIL AS HE HAD HOPED. FULL BRIEFINGS WERE HELD BEFORE AND AFTER TEAM VISITED AIRPORTS AND RAJESHWAR IS EXPECTING A DETAILED WRITTEN RPORT. HE NOTED THAT PAN AM HAD TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TEAM AND ASSUMED THEY WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE BOMBAY SITUATION.

2. IATA PROPOSAL HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN REJECTED BY HOME MINISTRY WHICH OPPOSED GIVING FOREIGN NATIONALS OPEN ACCESS TO BOMBAY AIRPORT. RAJESWAR (A CAREER OFFCER IN THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU) WON HIS OLD MINISTRY AROUND AFTER GETTING IATA AGREEMENT TO INCLUDING INDIAN SECURITY
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OFFICIALS ON THE TEAM. HE ALSO EXPANDED SKOPE OF SURVEY FROM ORIGINAL PLAN FOR BOMBAY ONLY TO INCLUDE NEW DELHI, MADRAS AND CALCUTTA.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, RAJESWAR REGRETTEED THAT THE VISIT OF FAA SECURITY INSPECTOR KOROLCHUK (STATE 89160 AND NAIROBI 5970) HAD TAKEN PLACE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE

AND PRECISELY WHEN HE WAS IN LAST STAGE OF ARRANGING IATA TEAM VISIT. NOW THAT HE HAD WORKED THINGS OUT WITH THE HOME MINISTRY, HE HOPED KOROLCHUK COULD COME BACK ONE THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS HAD PASSED; HE COULD ASSURE HIM FULL COOPERATION FOR A COMPLETE INSPECTION.

4. ANTI-HIJACKING TREATIES: EMBOFF TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE MEETING TO REITERATE US INTEREST IN GOI RATIFICATION OF THE MONTREAL AND HAGUE CONVENTIONS. RAJESWAR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE CONVENTIONS WERE NOW BEFORE THE CABINET (COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD FROM A SEPARATE SOURCE THAT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR THE MONTREAL CONVENTION WAS WITH THE CABINET FOR FINAL APPROVAL -- WHICH SEEMS MORE ACCURATE). HE DID NOT CONSIDER THAT FORMAL RATIFICATION WAS A SIGNIFICANT MOVE SINCE, HE SAID, INDIA'S AIR SECURITY PRACTICES WERE ALREADY CONSISTENT WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE TREATIES. EMBOFF URGED PROMPT RATIFICATION BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPACT OF SUCH ACTION.

5. IN FOLLOW UP TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO HIM LAST MARCH ON FAA ASSISTANCE IN THE SECURITY AREA, RAJESWAR HAS TRIGGERED FORMAL REQUEST THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR TWO AUDIO VISUAL TRAINING AIDS: "PREBOARD PASSENGER SCREENING" AND "AVIATION EXPLOSIVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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